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Non-Responsive Amendment

1. The reply filed on Feb 28, 2006 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s):

Applicant's response fails to completely address the question of subject matter not illustrated in the drawings. Applicant has considered the objection as set forth by the examiner, and noted an interpretation of the drawing objections which more precisely addresses the limitations in applicant's claims: "In fact, the only recitation in the claims describes that the "load floor runs from the front of said vehicle to the rear of said vehicle" (page 9 of the response). Applicant is reminded that there is no requirement that an objection to the drawings for not showing claimed subject matter use the exact terminology in the claim recitation. Applicant's response, after having explicitly identified the portion of the claim recitation in question - thus verifying understanding on applicant's part of which portion of the claim is asserted by the examiner to contain material not shown in the drawings, fails to either:

- (1) assert that this material is shown in the drawings and support the assertion with a showing of facts, or
- (2) cancel the material from the claims.

Care should be taken to ensure that a complete response is made for the purpose of meaningful advancement of the prosecution.

See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. **EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).**

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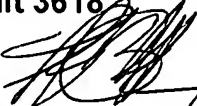
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